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In re Application of

Morgan Rey Benson et al Application No. 09/940,164

Filed: August 27, 2001

Attorney Docket No. DP-306072

: DECISION ON PETITION

: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 25, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before July 22, 2005, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed April 22, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 21, 2005.

The petition satisfies the requirements for a grantable petition in that the reply in the form of payment of the \$1,400 issue fee and \$300 publication fee, the petition fee of \$1,500, and the required statement of unintentional delay have been submitted. Accordingly, the issue and publication fees are accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The revocation and power of attorney received April 18, 2006 is not acceptable since it fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.73(b). Although the box is checked to indicate that a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed, no such certification was found. Accordingly, in view of the nonacceptance of the revocation and power of attorney filed on April 18, 2006, a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the below-listed address. However, all future correspondence will continue to be directed to the above-noted address of record until such time as an acceptable power of attorney has been filed.

There is no indication that petitioner has submitted Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85. Accordingly, if petitioner desires to have the information normally found thereon printed on the patent, and if this can be done without disrupting the printing process, the attached Fee(s) Transmittal form should be completed and returned to Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or Fax to (703) 746-4000, within ONE MONTH from the mail date of this decision.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Publishing Division.

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